

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application No. **09/834,208**

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Examiner: M. Mendoza

Applicant: G. Thomas Wolf

Art Unit: 3731

For: **Oxygen Mask**

Docket No. 0022-010001US

Status Request

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant filed a Reply to a non-final Office Action on June 16, 2006. The Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system listed a Final Rejection as being counted, but not mailed on September 2, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Final Rejection either be mailed or an explanation forwarded to the Applicant. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Mendoza on January 18, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the Final rejection was turned in two weeks ago,¹ and was listed in PALM as not mailed². He did not know where the Action would be or how to get to it. He suggested that I call back in one week to check again on the status. Applicant appreciates Examiner Mendoza's patience in resolving the matter.

It is not believed that an extension of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if an extension of

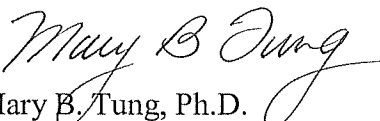
¹ Mr. Mendoza returned a phone call to Applicant's representative, Mary Tung on January 11, 2007 to inform her that the Action had been turned in for mailing.

time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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² PAIR as of the mailing date of this Request, no longer lists a Final Action, but only reflects Applicant's Reply, mailed June 16, 2006, and additionally lists the Status Request mailed by the Applicant on October 31, 2006.